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SUBJECT: DRAFT TEXT OF PROPOSED LUNCHEON TOAST FOR SECRETARY  
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FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S PROPOSAL FOR SECRETARY'S LUNCHEON  
TOAST IN CONNECTION WITH KEKKONEN VISIT:

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

"IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE AND HONOR FOR US TO BE ABLE TO  
WELCOME YOU TO THE UNITED STATES IN THIS OUR BICENTENNIAL  
YEAR.

"I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF  
BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS IN FINLAND THIS YEAR. WE VERY  
MUCH APPRECIATE THIS GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP. FINNS AND  
FINNISH-AMERICANS IN TURN HAVE MADE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO OUR CELEBRATIONS HERE, AS THEY HAVE OVER THE YEARS  
CONTRIBUTED TO THE BUILDING OF THE UNITED STATES. I HEAR  
THAT EVERYTHING IS WELL IN FINLAND AND THAT ALTHOUGH YOU  
ARE HAVING SOME EXPORTING PROBLEMS, YOU HAVE DEVELOPED  
SOME NEW EXPORT ARTICLES THAT ARE MEETIN WITH GREAT  
SUCCESS. I AM OF COURSE TALKING ABOUT YOU NEW EXPORT  
OF BEAUTY QUEENS. ANY COUNTRY THAT ONLY HAS TO SEND  
ITS NUMBER TWO TO WIN THE MISS EUROPE TITLE IS  
OBVIOUSLY DOING THINGS RIGHT.

"FINNISH BEAUTY REMINDS ME OF ANOTHER CELEBRATION  
ABOUT EXACTLY ONE YEAR AGO, WHEN AFTER THE SUCCESSFUL  
COMPLETION OF THAT VERY SIGNIFICANT GATHERING OF 35

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WORLD LEADERS, THE CSCE -- AN ACCOMPLISHMENT IN WHICH

YOU PLAYED SUCH A KEY ROLE, WE CELEBRATED MY SON  
DAVID'S BIRTHDAY PARTY ON THAT SUPERB ICEBREAKER  
NAMED AFTER YOU. PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD HAVE TOLD  
ME HOW MUCH THEY ENJOYED THAT EVENING. FOR MY OWN  
PART I CAN ONLY SAY THAT AS YOU MAY RECALL, THAT WAS  
THE EVENING WHEN I TOLD OUR GOOD AMBASSADOR THAT HIS  
JOB WAS IN DANGER, THAT I MIGHT WELL WANT TO HAVE IT  
MYSELF. TODAY I REPEAT THE WARNING TO HIM.

"MR. PRESIDENT, IT IS INDEED A PLEASURE TO MEET  
YOU AGAIN AND TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BOTH  
EXCHANGE VIEWS AND FURTHER BUILD ON THE STRONG TIES  
THAT EXIST BETWEEN US. WE RESPECT FINLAND'S  
NEUTRALITY AND ACTIVITY ON BEHALF OF WORLD PEACE,  
AND LOOK FORWARD TO EVEN CLOSER COOPERATION IN THE  
FUTURE.

"I WOULD NOW LIKE TO PROPOSE A TOAST TO OUR  
DISTINGUISHED GUEST, DR. URHO KEKKONEN, THE PRESIDENT  
OF FINLAND, TO HIS COUNTRY, AND TO THE CONTINUED  
CLOSE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS  
AND PEOPLES OF THE UNITED STATES AND FINLAND."  
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